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A Borough Councillor's comments on Lincolnshire County Council's Local Impact Report

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been a local Councillor for 20 years and live near the proposed BAEF site. The points I wish to highlight are as follows:-

Strong local support: Following a lengthy and exemplary consultation process this project has received overwhelming support from the local population.

- Boston Borough Council has approved it as well as the two most affected Parish Councils, Wyberton and Fishtoft.
- The Port of Boston welcomes the proposal.
- There have been few objections.

Overwhelming Support from the LCC Planning and Regulatory Committee: On 26th July 2021, the Lincolnshire County Council Planning and Regulatory Committee, after a full debate, voted 8:1 in favour of this facility on this site.

Ideal site: The site is allocated on the local and Lincolnshire County Plans for waste and recycling management. It is also alongside the tidal Haven River where a dedicated ship wharf can be constructed.

Boost to the local Economy: Boston Borough has the lowest wages of anywhere in the country. This project will provide highly paid jobs, 300 during the construction and 80 when in operation. This will be employment for people now being upskilled at Boston College. It will also give a much needed boost to local business rates and the electricity supply. There is a local deficit of power. This plant is expected to generate 80 megawatts, enough electricity to supply 66% of the requirements of Lincolnshire's homes.

Positive Carbon Footprint and Climate Change credentials: As the baled feedstock is to be brought in by dedicated ships it will be able to take waste from any port on the east coast with the minimum of road lorry transport. It will address land fill issues on the eastern side of the UK. The BAEF is planning to have two of the three lines capturing Carbon Dioxide. Food grade CO2 is in demand by the local food and horticultural industries.

Site adjacent to a County Waste Transfer Station: As the plant will be adjacent to one of LCC's waste transfer stations. The installation of a baling machine at this station would provide an opportunity for the County to significantly reduce its carbon footprint in the future. The LCC energy from waste plant is 30 miles away at Lincoln and is working at capacity. Lincolnshire's population is growing so more capacity is likely to be needed.

Environmental Matters:

- I have no concerns about emissions.
- The effect on the ecology of the Haven is likely to be very limited.
- There is unlikely to be any significant archaeology on the site.

Lincolnshire County Council Submission: It is regrettable that the LCC submission does not reflect the conclusions of the LCC Planning and Regulatory Committee. It fails to reflect some of the above positive aspects of the project.



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